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Wendel, S. J., & Miller, D. M. (Eds.). (2016). *Torah ethics and early Christian identity*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. 271 pp, \$35.00. ISBN 9780802873194

The book *Torah Ethics and Early Christian Identity* is a compilation of academic papers discussing how Torah law shaped the worldview and religious practices of the early church. What is most interesting about this topic is how both Orthodox Judaism and Christianity proceeded from the same basic religious principles and expectations yet came to vastly different conclusions. This book focuses more on theological implications than history, yet historical aspects are obviously present in the topic. Large sections of this work are dedicated to discussing the development of early Christology and eschatology. What is sorely missing is a more in depth treatment of how each adapted to post-temple period worship. This would be a good book to reference when discussing early church ethics. It would also be a good resource for studies of comparative religious practices in the Levant from the time of the ministry of the apostle Paul through the third century.

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Allison, G., & Castaldo, C. A. (2016). *The unfinished Reformation: What unites and divides Catholics and Protestants after 500 Years*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 171 pp. \$12.99. ISBN 0310527937

Gregg Allison and Chris Castaldo in *The Unfinished Reformation: What Unites and Divides Catholics and Protestants After 500 Years*, present a textbook that examines the commonalities and differences between Roman Catholic and evangelical Protestant theology. In the end, the authors conclude that although both traditions share an irenic relationship the reformation is not finished.

The idea for the book finds its origin with Tony Lane, Professor of Historical Theology at London School of Theology. A student inquired from Lane a resource that highlighted “the commonalities and differences between Roman Catholic and evangelical Protestant theology with reference to the Reformation” (p. 13). Due to the lack of a sufficient resource Allison and Castaldo decide to undertake the project. The authors’ thesis establishes that to properly answer the question as to whether the reformation is over, one must affirm “no, but...” (p. 153). For the authors the reformation is clearly not over due to the remaining “doctrinal differences that still exist between the Catholic and Protestant traditions” (p. 150). For example, the authors discuss the doctrines of Scripture, tradition, biblical interpretation, image of God, Mary, the sacraments, and salvation. As a result, these differences assure that the reformation will never finish. In addition, even though great relational advances